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A

CATALOGUE

OF THE

AFRICAN MUSEUM,

OF

NATURAL HISTORY;

JUST ARRIVED FROM THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE,

COLLECTED BY

Mons. VILLETTE,

DURING TWENTY YEARS RESIDENCE THERE:

CONTAINING

A VERY FINE SPECIMEN

OF THE

HIPPOPOTAMUS

A LIVING GNU,

AND

A PAIR OF VERY CURIOUS LIVE

WILD NON-DESCRIPT DOGS,

ARE NOW EXHIBITING,

(FOR PRIVATE SALE)

AT THE

EGYPTIAN HALL, PICCADILLY.

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AFRICAN MUSEUM.

THE Exhibition now exposed to Public View, has been nearly Twenty Years collecting at the Cape of Good Hope, by Monsieur VILLETTE, at a great expence, and with much labour. Many of the Insects are from Brazil, and the whole of the Birds in the Cases, from No. 9 to 14, are from Java.

The Gnu is believed to be the only animal of the kind now in the country, and the Wild Dogs are the only Pair eve brought over alive.

LIVE ANIMALS.

THE GNU.—This Animal inhabits the country of the Namaquas, to the Northward of the Cape of Good Hope. It feeds in large flocks on the plains, is exceedingly fierce, and very swift. It frequently drops on its knees, runs quickly in that posture, furrowing the ground with its horns and legs. The flesh is reckoned very good.

WILD DOGS.—Little is known of the habits of these beautiful Animals as they avoid the haunts of men. They inhabit the interior of Africa, and hunt in large packs.—Their heads are beautifully formed, and legs slender. The tail resembles that of the Wolf.

ANIMALS.

1. The Hippopotamus.—This extraordinary animal (the undoubted Behemoth of Job) was shot, to the Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, in the Berg River, in November last. It measures upwards of Eleven Feet in Length, and is nearly the same in circumference.

2. Condoma, or Strepsicerous Antelope.—This Animal inhabits the country near the Cape of Good Hope: it is near 9 feet from the nose to the rump, and 4 feet 6 high at the shoulders. It is said to leap with surprizing activity to a great length.

3. Oryx Antelope.—It inhabits Syria, Arabia, Persia, India, Egypt, Ethiopia, and near the Cape of Good Hope. This species is named Gems Bock, and is supposed by Gmelin to be the Zibi of the Sacred Writers.

4. The Bubalis Antelope.
5. Blue Antelope.
6. Ditto.
7. Pygmy Antelope.
8. Gazelle.—It inhabits India, Persia, Egypt, and Ethiopia, runs swiftly up hill, but slowly on plain ground, is gregarious and easily tamed. The real Oriental Bezoar, of a very powerful aromatic odour, is frequently found in the stomach of this animal. This specimen was shot at the Cape of Good Hope.
9. Rit-Bock Antelope.
10. Antelope.
11. Ditto.
12. Capra Ibex (Male).
13. Ditto (Female).
14. Short Tailed Manis, or Scaly Ant-Eater.
15. Great Cape Ant-Eater
16. Ichneumon.
17. Jerboa.
18. Genet.

19. Ratel, or Honey Eater.
20. A very large specimen of the Alligator, one of the largest ever brought to England.—This Alligator killed a Girl 14 years of age just before it was taken.

CASE I.—BIRDS.

1. Crimson Headed Manakin.
2. Varied Tanager.
3. White Tailed Humming Bird.
4. Scarlet Tanager.
5. Black and Yellow Manakin.
6. Great Headed Barbet.
7. Emerald Throated Humming Bird.
8. Buff Crested Tanager.
9. Green Jackamar.
10. Emerald Throated Humming Bird.
11. Sophia Humming Bird.
12. Purple Throated Humming Bird.
13. Oriel, and Nest.
14. Trickler Tanager.
15. Green Humming Bird.
16. Striped Throated Ditto.
17. Emerald Ditto. Ditto.
18. Black and Blue Warbler.
19. Trickler Tanager, (Variety)
20. Scarlet Ditto.
21. Great Tailed Bunting.
22. Yellow Rumped Oriel.
23. King Parroquet.
24. Mot Mot, or Saw Roller.
25. Toucan (largest of the Toucans).
26. Red Rumped Oriel.
27. New Holland Parrot.

CASE II.

1. Sand Piper.
2. African Bittern.
3. Little Male Ditto (Rare).

4. Lesser Black Gallinule.
5. Gull.
6. Green Shanked Godwit.
7. White Cheeked Bustard.
8. Little Bittern. (Female)
9. Gardinian Heron.
10. Grey Plover.
11. Curlew.
12. African Partridge. (Rare)
13. Lesser White Heron.
14. Variety of Duck
15. Lesser Caspian Tern.
16. Variety of Duck.
17. Caspian Tern.
18. Little Penguin.

CASE III.

1. Cape Penguin.
2. Common African Owl.
3. Egret.
4. Pintado, or Painted Peterel.
5. Quail.
6. Purr.
7. Plover (unknown).
8. Great Blue Water Hen.
9. Black Shrike.
10. King Fisher, Grey Headed.
11. Rose-Hill Parroquet.
12. Dove.
13. Partridge (Cape).
14. King Fisher.
15. Gros Beak.
16. Ditto.
17. Alcedo Major.
18. Yellow Breasted Creeper.
19. King Fisher.
20. Gros Beak (Yellow Throated).

21. Little Black Gros Beak.
22. Rufus Winged Thrush.
23. Woodpecker.
24. Alcedo Major (Large King Fisher).
25. Cinnamon Dove.
26. Rufus Winged Thrush.
27. Thrush (Variety).
28. Kestram.
29. Siskin.
30. Little Warbler.
31. Avadavat.
32. Violet Breasted Creeper.
33. Guinea Parrot.
34. Cape Gros Beak.
35. Rufus Bellied Thrush.
36. Bronze Winged Pigeon.
37. Lesser Glossy Thrush.
38. King Fisher (Pied).
39. Golden Thrush.
40. Goat Sucker.
41. Gorget Thrush.
42. Colius.
43. White Backed Coly.
44. Crested Fly Catcher.
45. Pensive Thrush.
46. Chinese Parrot.
47. Woodpecker.
48. Ditto.
49. Thrush (Unknown).
50. Cape Pomerops.
51. Violet Breasted Creeper.
52. Warbler (Unknown).
53. Rufus Winged Thrush.
54. Thrush.
55. Cape Coly.
56. Yellow Bellied Grosbeak.
57. Crested Fly Catcher.

58. Common Creeper.
59. Muff Backed Shrike.
60. Scarlet Loorie.
61. Bee Eater.
62. Ditto.
63. Cape Gros Beak.
64. Fly Catcher.
65. Cut Throat Sparrow.
66. Ditto. Ditto. (Female).
67. Golden Green Cuckoo.
68. Ditto.
69. Turdus Merula.
70. Violet Throated Creeper.
71. Golden Green Cuckoo.
72. Taraccou.
73. Ditto.
74. Java Sparrow.
75. Crowned Pigeon.
76. Turdus Oratusor (Lesser Glossy Thrush).
77. Gros Beak Grenadier.
78. Tock, or Bastard Hornbill.
79. King Fisher.
80. Bengal Dove.
81. King Fisher.
82. Shrike (Undescribed.
83. White Owl.
84. Plover.
85. Mother Cary's Chicken, or Stormy Peterel.
86. Painted Snipe.
87. Dottrel.
88. Spur Winged Plover.
89. Great African Green Creeper.
90. Collared Creeper.
91. White Cheeked Bustard.
92. Dottrel.
93. King Fisher.
94. Sanderling.

95. American Avoset.
96. Little Eared Grebe.
97. Spoon-Bill.
98. Oyster Catcher.
99. Scarlet Loorie.
100. Cape Gros Beak.
101. Collared Creeper.
102. Long Tailed Bunting.
103. Red Breasted Thrush.
104. Red Billed Pomerops.
105. Blue Bellied Parroquet.
106. Guinea Parrot.
107. Pensive Thrush.
108. Common Cuckoo (African).
109. Cape Coly.
110. Red Tailed Thrush.
111. Black Crested Cuckoo.
112. Black Crested Cuckoo (Rare).
113. African Wind Chat.
114. Crested King Fisher.
115. Golden Green Cuckoo.
116. Blue Bellied Parroquet.
117. Violet Breasted Creeper.
118. Gorget Thrush.
119. Mino (Graculus).
120. Oriel (Female).
121. Gros Beak.
122. Black Headed Ditto.
123. Collared Creeper.
124. Little Long Tailed Dove.
125. Collared Creeper.
126. Yellow Bellied Warbler.
127. Woodpecker.
128. Ditto
129. Thrush (Unknown).
130. Black Cheeked Parroquet

CASE IV.

1. Peregrine Falcon.
2. Lark.
3. Unknown.
4. Sanderling.
5. Scarce Hawk.
6. Quail.
7. Kestril Hawk.
8. Quail. (Female)
9. Ditto. (Male)
10. Tufted Humber.
11. Black Winged Falcon.
12. White Plover.
13. Water Rail.
14. Pheasant.
15. Lark.
16. Yellow Throated Lark.
17. African Titlark.
18. African Thick Kneed Bustard.
19. Titmouse.
20. Lukuar Grackle.
21. Oriel (Female).
22. Pied King Fisher.
23. Pennantian Parroquet.
24. Unknown.
25. Grenadier Gros Beak.
26. Pilot Throated Creeper.
27. Goldfinch.
28. Black Headed Bunting.
29. Siskin.
30. Locust Eater.
31. Violet Throated Creeper.
32. Crested King Fisher.
33. Black Face Gros Beak.
34. Ditto. Ditto. Ditto. (Female)
35. Warbler.

36. Little Owl.
37. Ditto. Ditto. (Female)
38. Long Tailed Lark.
39. Unknown.
40. Indicator; or, Honey Guide Cuckoo.
41. Pink Eyed Finch.
42. Ditto. Ditto. Ditto.
43. African White Owl.
44. Black Headed Gros Beak.
45. Collared Creeper.
46. Cape Gros Beak. (Variety)
47. King Fisher.
48. African Shrike.
49. Unknown.
50. Tanager. (Variety)
51. Sanderine Parroquet.
52. Silent Tanager. (Female)
53. Lesser Lemon Crested Cockatoo.
54. Orange Ditto. Ditto.

CASE V.

1. Great, or Horned Coot.
2. Snipe.
3. African Glossy Ibis.
4. Pintado, or Painted Peterel.
5. Coot. (Female)
6. Great Swallow.
7. Partridge. (Unknown)
8. Goose. (Ditto)
9. Peterel.
10. Tern.
11. Godwit. (Unknown)
12. Great Crested Grebe.
13. Caspian Tern.
14. Gull.
15. Shag.

CASES VI. VII. VIII.

Two Crowned Cranes.—These elegant Birds are found in Asia and Africa.

The Lynx fighting a Jackall, while a Dwarf Jackall is looking on.—The muscular legs and feet of the Lynx cannot but excite attention.

A curious and rare variety of the Beaver.—The tail is well adapted for mixing and applying thé mortar which it uses in forming its habitation.

CASES IX. X. XI. XII. XIII. XIV.

Containing 360 Java Birds, many of them Undescribed, and the only ones in England for Exhibition.

CASES XV. AND XVI.

Shells and Minerals, among which last are some fine specimens of Asbestos.

CASE XVII. XVIII. XIX. XX.

A great variety of the Serpent Tribe, among which is a large specimen of the Rattle Snake.

Serpents.

A numerous collection of Tortoises, and Young Turtles; also the Surinam Toad and others, together with the Blood Sucking Lizard.

A collection of Lizards, among which are the Gallywasp, Flying Dragon, Short Tailed Manis, &c.

CASE XXI.

Containing some curious Shells and Corals, and a variety of Marine Productions. Among the Shells is a fine specimen of the Paper Nautilus, and some beautiful Harp Shells. And in the lower part are specimens of the Eggs of the Alligator and Tortoise.

CASE XXII.

1. Ternate Bat.
2. Ditto.

3. Horse Shoe Bat.
4. Unknown.
5. }
6. } Rats not described.
7. }
8. Ichneumon.
9. }
10. } Java Squirrels.
11. Short Tailed Manis.
12. Cape Hyrax.
13. }
14. } Non-Described Rats from the Cape of Good Hope.
15. }
16. Tusk of an Hippopotamus.
17. Non-Descript.
18. Cape Mole.
19. Cape Hyrax.
20. Ditto.
21. Porcupine.

CASE XXIII.

1. }
2. } Antelopes.
3. Cape Hyrax.
4. Java Squirrel.
5. Jaw Bone of the Skate.
6. Ditto, of a variety of the Shark.
7. Bread Fruit of the Hottentots.
8. }
9. } Grinders of the Elephant.

CASES OF INSECTS, No. I. to XI.

Containing 1284 Insects, from Brazil, Java, New Holland, and the Cape.

FISH, &c. *Suspended from the Gallery.*

1. Dolphin.
2. Sun Fish —A rare and cucious variety.
3. Sword Fish (Head of).—This Fish is found of a larg size, and of great length, it is a great enemy to the Whal

4. Sun Fish.
5. Dolphin.
6. Unknown.
7. }
8. } White Sharks.
9. Flying Fish (Very Large).
10. Hispid Tetrodon.
11. Fine specimen of the Madagascar Palm.
12. Head of the Gangetic Crocodile.
13. Batavian Alligator.
14. Curious Variety of the Guana.
15. }
16. } Bows and Poisoned Arrows of the Bosjemans

On the Tables near the Fire Place, in the Bell Glasses and Cases, Nos. I. to IX.

BELL GLASSES.

No. I.

Senegal King Fisher.

No. II.

Golden Winged Woodpecker

No. III.

Undescribed Parroquet.

No. IV.

China (Undescribed).
Coraerus Caelrulesdens
Silky Starling.

No. V.

Chinese Robin.
Coromandel Duck.
Edolius Caerulus.

No. VI.

8. Undescribed Roller.
1. Bucco Corrinus.
126. Lanius Cruentes
10. Picus Validus.

No. VII.

Java Pigeon.
Two Java Doves.
Java Cuckoo.

No. VIII.

Pied Hornbill of Java
Pied Shrike.
Puff Throated Manakin
Golden Headed Manakin.
Great Billed Fly Catcher.
Black and Blue Creeper
Negro Tanajer.
Bishop Tanajer.
Swamp Fly Catcher.
Mexican Oriole.

No. IX.

214. Alcedo Minor Javenensis.
139. Bucco Flarifrous.
69. Picus Goensis.
130. Ditto, Malluarps.
332 Alcedo Leocephala.
117. Corthea Lepida.
103. Bucco Indica.
141. Centropus Negrorufus.
159. Lanius Learograminus.
239. Certhia Longirostris.
63. Edolius Torquatus.
158. Corvus Variam.

Over the Mantle Piece.

13. Crystal.
14. Sun Fish.
15 Part of a Large Turtle.
17. Angler.
18. Jade.
19 Saw Fish.

With the Corals.

1. Sea.
2. Solan Goose
3 South American Flamingo.
4. Stork.
5. Seal.
6. Striped Shark.
7. Beautiful Specimen of Coral.
8. Dolphin.
9. Sea Bread.
10. Polypus Sea Weed
11. Panther Shark.
12. African Flamingo.
13. Sea Cocoa Nut.
14. Pelican.
15. African Heron.
16. African Bittern.
17. Albatross.
18. Various Specimens of Coral.
19. Secretary Falcon
20. Ostrich, from the Nest.
21. African Bustard (Rare).

In a tub is an extraordinary Plant, called the Elephant's Foot, from Algoa Bay.

Over the platform of the Gnu, a fine Skin of the Zebra, and in the adjoining corner is the Skin of the Cameleopardalis.

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